

# KOL קול עמי AMI

## Rabbi installation set for September 8–9

Jewish Center & Federation  
of the Twin Tiers  
Congregation Kol Ami  
Jewish Community School



Summer is coming to an end just in time for the ramp-up to the busy season in the Jewish year. We have all kinds of holidays, both high and medium, as well as all kinds of community activities. All of the ones coming up soon are mentioned in some detail throughout this issue of the Kol Ami, including JCF activities. And you would, of course, expect me to take this opportunity to highlight them as well. But I just can't bring myself to do it because I have something non-JCF to tell you about that is filling my mind with wonderment.

I'm talking about the formal Installation of our Rabbi, Oren Steinitz.

You could say it's long overdue, and I've said it myself. But I now feel very strongly that it is coming at exactly the right time. Rabbi has been here long enough that he's gotten used to us, and we to him. He's learned about our strengths and weaknesses as a community, and has figured out how to work with us to make our community a bigger, stronger, more vibrant place to pray, to play and just to be. Similarly we have learned about him and his family, and have figured out – in my opinion for sure – that he is just the Rabbi we've been waiting for in our merged incarnation.

He has dedicated himself to our wellbeing, and specifically, to bringing us together faster and further than many of us dreamed possible in such a short time. And now, just before the "Hi Hos", as he calls them, is the perfect time for us to go all out in welcoming him and cementing our bond with him.

We could easily call it Installation Shabbat. It starts with services Friday evening, September 8, continues with services Saturday morning, and concludes with the extra-special Havdalah service Saturday evening with the Installation embedded therein. All of the services will be very, very musical, featuring especially Rabbi Laura Duhan Kaplan and her husband Charles, along with Cantor Abbe Lyons, whom many of us remember from her recent visit here, along with our Rabbi himself. They all know each other and are looking forward to working together to make this very rewarding.

And, of course, there will be food, lovingly planned, prepared and served by Our Ladies (they'd be embarrassed if I named 'em): An Oneg on Friday, a full, sit-down lunch on Saturday, and wine, cheese, and terrific desserts following the Installation.

I haven't yet mentioned the most important participant: *You*. Please plan to come and celebrate with Rabbi and his family. It is totally free, with no reservations required. The only requirement is that you come to honor Rabbi and officially welcome him to our community.

I look forward to seeing you *all* in the Synagogue on the 8th and the 9th. The true blessing will be if we have to bring out more and more chairs.

—Marcus Kantz

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## Weekend concludes with dinner

The celebration on the weekend of September 8–10 concludes with a kosher dinner, catered by the Hilltop Inn, to raise funds for the final step in renovation—heating improvement in the Braunstein Community Room—and for replacement of 8-foot round tables. The dinner is on Sunday, September 10, starting at 6:00 p.m. Contact CKA for contingent reservations; these will be utilized to fill last-minute openings.

# Congregation Kol Ami – כל עמי



*from President Mike Lenzner*

*I tried.*

One of the things I have been noticing since I joined the Board is how much financial support we have asked from our members to help us with, most recently being the air conditioning project. I thought, "Wouldn't it be great if we could come up with a fundraiser that did not require a donation?" So I thought to myself, "What do Americans like more than anything else?" The answer, of course, is NFL football.

We could easily organize a football pool that all participants pick a team to win each week. If they win, they get to pick again the next week, and if they lose, they are out of the tournament, which runs until there is only one person left. With all the people I know who enjoy endeavors like this, I figured we could attract 300-500 people. If we pay out half of the money we take in at a \$50 per entrance fee, we could earn more than \$10,000; all on a voluntary basis.

I contacted New York State to obtain a gaming certificate; however I received a denial because it was considered an "unlawful" game of chance. They included a definition of what was lawful and I saw that it had to be a "Vegas night" or a raffle-type of game.

I sent in another request. I changed it so that the way you would win is if you pick the right team, your name would be put in a raffle, and there would be a drawing each week. If there was any money left over before the season ended, it would go to the person who was left.

This time, I got a response from a fellow named Rich Kusynski, who said that having a raffle based on someone's picking of a football team was still considered sports betting and still not lawful.

A friend of mine came up with a sure-fire way to get approval. I was psyched! Instead of having the player pick a team, we would pick a team at

random for each participant each week, and if their team won, they would go into a raffle drawing. We could do it every week and set it up where the biggest payout would be for the winner of the playoffs.

Rich didn't respond quickly after I contacted him again, so I figured he must be preparing to send me the certificate. I was wrong. Four days later I got a very brief e-mail. "Pursuant to counsel, the use of the outcome of football games to determine the winner of a raffle is not permissible."

As they say in France and Montreal, "C'est la vie!"

I am not giving up, though. In September, I am going to contact them again with an NBA Basketball game raffle.

Note: Mike Lenzner's Rosh Hashanah article was written for the *Double Triangle*. He does wish all *Shanah Tovah!*

## Weekly Torah/Haftarah Portions & Candle Lighting

<p><b>Sep. 1-2</b> 7:21 PM <i>Ki Tetze</i> Torah Deut. 21:10-25:19 Pr. Isaiah 54:1-10</p>	<p><b>Sep. 8-9</b> 7:09 PM <i>Ki Tavo</i> Torah Deut. 26:1-29:8 Pr. Isaiah 60:1-22</p>	<p><b>Sep. 15-16</b> 6:57 PM <i>Nitzavim-Vayelech</i> Torah Deut. 29:9-31:30 Pr. Isaiah 61:10-63:9</p>	<p><b>Sep. 22-23</b> 6:45 PM <i>Haazinu</i> Torah Deut. 32:2-52 Pr. Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27</p>	<p><b>Sep. 29-30</b> 6:33 PM Yom Kippur Torah Deut. 29:9-14; 30:11-20; Num. 29:7-11 Pr. Isa. 57:14-58:14</p>
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## Flowers for the Bimah



Let's make our Sanctuary a place of beauty and serenity, and honor or remember those whom we love and cherish.  
Please phone Susan King for information.

## Etz Hayim Torah Commentaries

are available for dedication for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.

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from Rabbi Oren Steinitz



Hard to believe, but it's already been two whole years since my family and I joined Congregation Kol Ami, and this will be my third High Holidays season with you! I don't suppose this will make anyone stop referring to me as "the new rabbi," right?

It is no secret that our community is going through a generational transition. The loss of our older congregants, including our beloved Rabbi Abe Golos, is not only painful on a personal level, it also takes its toll on the synagogue's routine operation. Not that long ago, most – if not all – synagogues and temples had plenty of knowledgeable Jews who were thoroughly skilled in leading services, reading Torah and Haftarah, and taking care of all other ritual matters. Moreover, they were also deeply committed to making sure all other as-

pects of the community are running smoothly – the kitchen, the sisterhood, the building, and all other daily tasks.

As we all know, this is not the case anymore. Like many other communities, our congregation relies on its rabbi for most ritual matters. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find Torah and Haftarah readers for weekly Shabbat services, and even more difficult to find people willing to lead even parts of the service. The number of kitchen volunteers is ever shrinking. While our large events – such as the Food Festival and holiday dinners – are attracting more and more participants, they are being catered by fewer and fewer exhausted cooks.

Fortunately for us, we do see a surge of newly committed younger congregants. Both CKA and the sister-

hood now have new, younger board members, and our High Holidays this year will feature younger congregants on the *bimah*. But this is not enough. If we want our community to thrive well into the future, and I believe we all do, we will all have to step up our game. Whether you are interested in helping with ritual matters, or any other aspect of synagogue life, I personally commit to giving you all the help and support you need.

As the torch passes from generation to generation – *midor l'dor* – let us make a real commitment to carry the congregation into the future.

Shannah Tovah!

### Shabbat Services

*except as noted below*

Shabbat Evening Service	7:30 PM	
Shabbat Morning Service	8:00 AM	
Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 AM	<i>with Torah reading</i>

### Noteworthy Upcoming Religious Observances

#### Friday, September 8

Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 PM

#### Saturday, September 9

Torah Yoga 9:00 AM  
Shabbat Ruach Service 10:00 AM  
Havdalah and Rabbi Installation 7:30 PM

#### Friday, September 15

Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 PM

#### Saturday, September 16

Shabbat Morning Service 8:00 AM  
Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 AM  
Havdalah and Selichot Service 7:30 PM

#### Wednesday, September 20

Rosh Hashanah Evening Service 7:30 PM

#### Thursday, September 21

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 9:30 AM  
Luncheon Reception and Tashlich follow

#### Friday, September 22

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 9:30 AM  
Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 PM

#### Saturday, September 23

Shabbat Shuvah Service 10:00 AM

#### Sunday, September 24

Memorial Service 10:00 AM  
at Franklin Street Cemetery

#### Friday, September 29

Yom Kippur Evening Service 7:30 PM

#### Saturday, September 30

Yom Kippur Morning Service 9:30 AM  
Yizkor Service 12:00 PM  
Afternoon Service and Ne'ilah 5:00 PM  
Break-the-Fast following Ne'ilah

# CKA Donations

## Flowers for the Bimah

- ✧ Sept. 8: In honor of Rabbi's Installation by the Congregation
- ✧ Sept. 22: In memory of Norma Granowitz by Dr. Ed Grandt

## CKA Educational Fund

- ✧ In memory of Gerry Siskin by Gail and Stewart Siskin and Family

## Building Fund

- ✧ Andrey and Marietta Zaborsky

## General Fund

- ✧ In memory of Rabbi Abe Golos by Stuart & Judy Komer
- ✧ In memory of Rabbi Abe Golos by the Donner Family
- ✧ In memory of Sam Horwitz by Normal Fidelman
- ✧ In honor of Paul and Phyllis Shore's Anniversary by Ron and Gloria Friedman
- ✧ In honor of Barb's retirement and her many years of service by Ron and Gloria Friedman
- ✧ In appreciation of Tina Wise's assistance at the CKA event by Ron and Gloria Friedman
- ✧ In memory of Sam Horwitz by Margo Golos-Reines
- ✧ In memory of Edwin Shapero by Carole Hoffman
- ✧ In celebration of Paul Solyn's ordination by Cynthia Huling Hummel
- ✧ In celebration of Rabbi Steinitz's installation by Cynthia Huling Hummel
- ✧ In appreciation from JCF Jazzy Junque
- ✧ In memory of Rabbi Abe Golos by Dr. Robert J. Kahn
- ✧ The Pittsburgh Foundation
- ✧ In honor of Myra's special birthday by Greta and David Schofield
- ✧ In memory of Fannie Snowiss by Myra and Jerry Stemerman
- ✧ In memory of Mindel Stemerman by Myra and Jerry Stemerman

## M.E. Hunter Fund

- ✧ In memory of Sam Horwitz by Irv Appel
- ✧ In memory of Mary Ellen Hunter by Ron and Gloria Friedman
- ✧ In support of the Mary Ellen

Hunter Fund by Cindy Hutchinson and Phil Hunter

## Jerome & Etkind Library Fund

- ✧ In memory of S. Gerald Horwitz by Leon Horwitz

## Marvin & Shirley Rubin Scholarship Fund

- ✧ In memory of Marvin and Shirley Rubin by Richard, Deborah, Aaron and Alexandra Rubin and in honor of their grandson's enrollment in the Honors program at the University of Delaware. Aaron is the nephew of Geoffrey and Gregory Rubin.

## Lillian Simckes Memorial Education Fund

- ✧ In memory of Harry B. Schwartz by Jerome and Natalie Steinmetz

## Dr. David Wladis-Marc Rubino Memorial Youth Fund

- ✧ In memory of Ellery Herman by Floriett Herman
- ✧ In memory of Esther Herman by Floriett Herman
- ✧ In memory of Miriam Wladis by Beth Wladis

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ✧ In honor of the "New" Rabbi's 2nd Anniversary by Gil and Harriet Sweet
- ✧ In memory of Ann Lebowitz by Drs. James and Kristine Perle

## Rabbi Abe Golos Memorial Fund

- ✧ Irv Appel
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- ✧ Joan Wladis Featherman
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- ✧ Ilene Friedman and Keegan Bailey
- ✧ Margo Golos-Reines
- ✧ Dr. Ed Grandt
- ✧ James and Faith Gray
- ✧ Clement Granoff

- ✧ John Goldman and Elizabeth Walton
- ✧ Steve Greenberg and Amanda Sharp
- ✧ Martin Hempstead and Debra Chesman
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- ✧ Ronald and Kathleen Herman
- ✧ Harriett Hesselson
- ✧ Marianne and Lenard Hirshman
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- ✧ Leon Horwitz
- ✧ Miriam H. and Irving Jacobson
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- ✧ Jeffrey A. Rosenheck
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- ✧ Leonard Schreiber
- ✧ Alan and Susan Seltzer
- ✧ Mollie Sherman
- ✧ Eileen Semel
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- ✧ Jeffrey and Ann Sigel
- ✧ Marsha Stemerman
- ✧ Myra and Jerry Stemerman
- ✧ Gil and Harriet Sweet
- ✧ Annie and Murray Werner
- ✧ Robert and Jill White
- ✧ Rosalyn Wladis

## Torah Cover Memorial

- ✧ In memory of Rabbi Abe Golos by Marcia Weber

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# Yahrzeits

## September

1	Joan Jones
1	Shirley Sandler
2	Paul Brojde
2	Esther Herman
2	Sol N. Levine
3	Elick Botnick
3	Bert Delphinus
3	Louisa S. Radin
3	Sophie O. Friendly
3	Abe L. Oppenheim
4	Philip H. Cohen
4	Harold Horwitz
4	Pauline Siskin
4	Harry Axelrod
4	Abraham Siegel
5	Jeffrey Etkind
5	Steven Novack
5	Anne E. Shulman
5	Bertram Solomon
5	Dracia Featherman
5	Samuel Johnson
5	Moe Palmer
6	Minnie Berlin
6	David Etkind
6	Paul Brojde
6	Bertram Bimberg
7	Florence Samuels
7	David Heiman
7	Lena Horwitz
8	Moses D. Wladis
8	Ronah Webber Epstein
8	Jacque V. Brooks
8	Ruth Ellen Newman
8	Hyman Glantz
8	Robert Jerome
8	Myer Kaplan
9	Bessie Kaplan
10	Sara Bloch
10	Joanne R. Winer
10	Abram Finkelstein
10	Issac Gorden
11	Hannah Hoffman
11	Celia Shulman
11	Yaakov Wilcox
11	Charles Yanofsky
11	Jane Benjamin
11	Martin Scott Rosenheck
11	Samuel Botnick
11	Barbara Schecter
12	Jacob Shulman
12	Frances Kantz
12	Harold Stemerman
12	Jack Babitz
12	Barney Sammet
12	Mary Goldstein

## Elul

12	Herbert Rosencranz
12	Harold Horwitz
13	Sarah Leah Sail
13	Ida Rabinwitz
13	Meyer Solomon
13	William Berinstein
13	Elick Botnick
13	Ida Cooperman
13	Hilda David
14	Andrew Rosenblum
14	Bertram Bimberg
14	Mortimer Rosenfield
14	Irving Etkind
15	Blanche Goldsmith Lane
15	Ralph Moritz
15	Beatrice Shapero
15	Etta Solomon
15	Ethel Babitz
15	Gertrude G. Heyman
16	Rose Higgins
16	Larry Rubin
16	Jacob Epstein
16	Herman Ginsburg
16	Edward Magnet
16	Etta Solomon
17	Gorden N. Weil
17	Charles Goodsite
18	Sidney Hoffman
18	Joshua Schwartz
18	Rose Staloff
18	Jerry Strumpf
19	Ann Feinstein
19	Hyman Steinmetz
19	David Daniel Fidleman
19	Abraham Cooperman
19	David Gabalewitch
19	Abraham Wladis
19	Max Levine
19	Ann Shulman
20	Lola Hugo Chaffee
20	Ruth Leepman
20	Tiba Rosenblatt
20	Issac Rosencranz
20	Sophie Ugelow

## September

21	Max Brown
21	Jerome Hoffman
21	Max Lavine
21	Margaret Schreiber
21	Max Miller
21	Joshua Schwartz
22	Milton Reingold
22	Sarah Akin Yanofsky
23	Hyman Glantz
23	Richard James Luther

## Tishrei

23	William M. Lande
23	Sheldon Herman
23	Arthur Muckler
23	Esther Rosencranz
24	Larry Rubin
24	Hyman Golos
24	Jacob Parker
24	Alex Stemerman
24	Jack Bravman
24	Julia David
24	Arthur J. Kantz
24	Flora Heyman Klafter
25	Harry Ashendorf
25	Hoda Featherman
25	Anna Horn
25	Nettie L. Winston
25	Albert Hesselson
26	Hattie Kantz
26	Ann Salsburg
26	Harry Winnick
26	Alex Stein
27	Julia David
27	Kalmon Jacobson
27	Mortimer Schofield
27	Myer Solomon
28	Sylvia Simon
28	William Platt
28	Joseph Rubenstein
28	Alex Stemerman
29	Sally Kronenthal
29	Herbert M. Eiges
29	Freda Jacobson
29	Morris Rosencranz
30	Riva Gutterman
30	Sheldon Herman
30	Israel Shulman
30	Marcus Stemerman

*Names of Confederate soldiers buried in Woodlawn National Cemetery are included above.*

## CKA Donations

### Etz Hayim Torah Commentary

- ✧ In memory of Muriel Kaplow  
Appel by Irv Appel
- ✧ In honor of Myra Stemerman's  
2017 birthday by Marcus and  
Charlotte Kantz

### Scroll of Life

#### Pearl Plaque

- ✧ In memory of Dr. Murray Werner  
by Mollie Sherman



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## Adult Education

*Open to the entire community*

*Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.:* Breakfast and discussion—topic determined by the participants. A \$3 donation is requested. Attend the brief Shabbat morning service at 8:00 a.m. and stay for breakfast, or come for breakfast and stay for the full Shabbat service at 9:00 a.m.

*Sunday, September 17, 10:30 a.m.:* "Sh'lom Bayit—What Will You Do to Keep the Peace?" with Paul Solyn. Bagels and coffee.

## In Memoriam

Our heartfelt condolences to Annie Werner, Ben Werner, Dean & Cherie Werner, and their families on the passing of husband, father, grandfather, Murray J. Werner.

*Zich' rono iv' rachah,*  
may his memory be for a blessing.

## Anniversaries

- 3 Felicia & Richard Poes
- 6 Ann & Jeff Sigel
- 8 Trudi & Alex Porter
- 11 Faith & Jim Gray
- 18 Caren & Robert Douenias
- 23 Ina & Michael Kushnir

All information for the **October** issue of the *Kol Ami* must be submitted to one of the organizational offices by **September 11**. Please be sure that all dates are on the JCF calendar.

## Birthdays

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Susan Goldman        | 13 Eliana Kadar        |
| 1 Linda Kruger         | 20 June Obler          |
| 4 Robert Ashendorf     | 22 Freyda Black        |
| 5 Marianne Hirshman    | 23 Gabriel Katz        |
| 5 Sara Holtzman        | 24 Elias Halperin      |
| 6 David Short          | 24 Debra Kravitz       |
| 6 Jacqueline Pascar    | 25 Herb Robbins        |
| 7 Kathy Herman         | 25 Jennifer King Brysk |
| 11 Brittany Braunstein | 30 Laurie Seltzer      |
| 12 Rebecca Massey      |                        |

## Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 4 –  
Erev Sukkot  
Thursday, October 5 – Sukkot  
Morning Service, 9:00 AM  
Wednesday, October 11 –  
Simchat Torah Service, 7:00 PM  
Thursday, October 12, Shemini  
Atzeret/Simchat Torah Service &  
Yizkor, 10:00 AM

# Jewish Center and Federation



from Executive Director Paul Solyn

In August I received ordination as a Maggid-Educator from the Institute of Jewish Spiritual Education. *Maggid* is a pre-modern Jewish clergy role that was separate and distinct from that of rabbi. While rabbis specialized in teaching *halachah* (law), *maggidim* (the plural) specialized in teaching *aggadah* (story) and using storytelling and other modes to provide spiritual education.

For example, the Vilna Gaon, the greatest halachic authority of the eighteenth century, sought spiritual guidance from the Maggid of Dubno.

In this century there has been an effort to reinstate the functions of *maggidim*. The program in which I studied is one of several that now exist. It is the longest of them, three years, because of including spiritual education in congregations and schools.

The ceremony took place during the New Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education in Moraga, Calif. This was a fitting bookend because the first session of the program took place during the same conference in Los Angeles in 2014.

There were eight of us in the group, living in places from Connecticut to Hawaii. A ninth student, gravely ill, received the ordination earlier at her home.

For me, one of the greatest benefits of the program was receiving storytelling coaching from Peninnah Schram, the foremost Jewish storyteller in America, and from Cherie Karo Schwartz. We also received instruction in mussar, spiritual guidance, integrating the arts into curricula, movement techniques, and classic texts pertaining to practical *mitzvot*.

My participation over the past three years was partially underwritten by the JCF, and I received support for the concluding retreat from the Anna D. and William D. Baker Memorial Fund.

During the conference I was one of three storytellers at a *tisch* after lunch on Shabbat. I also presented two sessions in the main conference and par-

ticipated in a third, presented by singer-songwriter Sam Glaser, that drew on material for teachers that I wrote last year.

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The day after I returned from California, there was a march in Charlottesville, Va., by white supremacists, some carrying Nazi or KKK flags. Few if any were actually from Charlottesville, and there was a large counter-protest. Numerous fights broke out and one of the white supremacists drove his car into a crowd, killing one person and injuring at least 19.

The white supremacists were explicit in their hatred of Jews, chanting “Jews will not replace us” and heckling the mayor, Michael Signer, with “Jew! Jew! Jew!”

The president of Congregation Beth Israel in Charlottesville, Alan Zimmerman, wrote movingly about holding services on Shabbat morning while the marchers passed.

*Several times, parades of Nazis passed our building, shouting, “There’s the synagogue!” followed by chants of “Seig Heil” and other anti-Semitic language. Some carried flags with swastikas and other Nazi symbols.*

He also wrote about offers of help from the community:

*John Aguilar, a 30-year Navy veteran, took it upon himself to stand watch over the synagogue through services Friday evening and Saturday, along with our armed guard. He just felt he should. . . . A frail, elderly woman approached me Saturday morning as I stood on the steps in front of our sanctuary, crying, to tell me that while she was Roman Catholic, she wanted to stay and watch over the synagogue with us.*

It was disturbing that the Charlottesville police refused to provide a uniformed officer to guard the synagogue (it had private security), and that the police appeared to coddle the Nazi and KKK demonstrators.

It was even more disturbing that the President of the United States first waffled, then made a statement that sounded insincere, and finally equat-

ed Confederate leaders with the Founding Fathers.

Other political leaders were not so equivocal. Mitt Romney tweeted, “Racial prejudice, then hate, then repugnant speech, then a repulsive rally, then murder; not supremacy, barbarism.” and “No, not the same. One side is racist, bigoted, Nazi. The other opposes racism and bigotry. Morally different universes.”

The day after the protests in Charlottesville, I attended a Q&A with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. One of the questions was whether the United States was moving backward on many of the issues that she has labored to advance. She quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” (King’s statement is a condensation of one by the 19th-century abolitionist minister Theodore Parker.)

Jimmy Kimmel may have put it best: “If you are with a group of people who are chanting things like ‘Jews will not replace us’ and you do not immediately leave that group, you are not ‘a very fine person.’”

So what should we do? As a community, we must oppose anti-Semitism in all its forms—and if we do not equally oppose racism, misogyny, and prejudice against other religions, we are not living up to Jewish ideals.

As individuals, we should press other elected officials and next year’s candidates to repudiate so-called white nationalism, and to affirm that the United States is one country for people of many races and beliefs.

We should call out news media when they sugar-coat Nazi and KKK ideologies by failing to call them by their true names.

Finally, we must also fight anti-Semitism within the far left, where it’s typically disguised as anti-Zionism. While it may not be as imminent a danger to us, it divides us from those who might otherwise be our allies.

# Sarah's Key is September film

Our film for September is *Sarah's Key*, based on a book by Tatiana de Rosnay. It's set in France, centering on an American journalist, played by Kristin Scott Thomas, who is commissioned to write an article about the notorious Vel d'Hiv round up of French Jews in Paris, in 1942.

She stumbles upon a family secret which will link her forever to the destiny of a young Jewish girl, Sarah. She learns that the apartment she and her French husband Bertrand plan to move into was acquired by Bertrand's family when its Jewish occupants were dispossessed and deported 60 years before. She resolves to find out what happened to the former occupants: Wladyslaw and Rywka Starzynski, parents of ten-year-old Sarah and four-year-old Michel. The more Julia discovers—especially about Sarah, the only member of the Starzynski family to survive—the more she uncovers about Bertrand's family, about France and, finally, herself.

Kristin Scott Thomas, although British, speaks English with an American accent in the film. She is also fluent in French and has done acting jobs in France. She won Lumière and Globes de Cristal awards in France as best actress for it in 2011. This is the second of three movies about



World War II that Kristin Scott Thomas starred in. The others are *The English Patient* and *Suite Française*.

The film is rated PG-13. It's in French, English, and other languages, with subtitles. We'll see it on Thursday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m.

## JCF Donations

### JCF Membership

#### Member

- ✧ Rabbi Miriam Biatch
- ✧ Beverly & Jeffrey Dann
- ✧ Sharon DeHaas
- ✧ Dian Gerstel
- ✧ Faith & James Gray
- ✧ Miriam & Lawrence Greene
- ✧ Marc Hample
- ✧ Debra Chesman & Martin Hempstead
- ✧ Marianne & Lenard Hirshman
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### Community Kitchen

Generous volunteers from CKA and JCF prepare and serve lunch at the Elmira Community Kitchen on the first Thursday of every month. Our next dates are September 7 and October 5. If you can help, contact Gil Sweet. Cooks, food-preparers, food-buyers, table-setters, servers... you name it, we need you! Cash donations may be made through the JCF.



# Jewish Community School



*from Director Jeff Rosenheck*

It is hard to believe that the summer break is now behind us and the 5778 school year is about to begin - Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 9am! The staff have been preparing a very exciting and fun filled year for our students and families and we are anxious to begin. The school year will open on the date and time listed above with a short assembly, followed by a meeting for all parents.

Weekly school dismissal will continue to be at 12:15pm, however, a family service will be held most Sundays at 12 Noon in which we invite families to join us in the Small Sanctuary. Virtual Hebrew classes will be offered on Thursday evenings from 7:00-7:45 p.m. for students in Grades 5, 6, and 7. Individual weekly emails will be sent to the affected families each week with log on information. The focus of Thursday classes will be community and service-based prayers, allowing students from all grades to work together on the skills necessary for B'nai Mitzvah preparation. Virtual classes will begin on Thursday, September 14. There will be no class on September 21 due to Rosh Hashanah.

I would like to welcome back teachers Kathy Rosenheck (Grades 2-3), Rivka Miran (Hebrew), Sophie Marmor (Hebrew), Donna Rothenberg (Grades 5-6), Eileen Pollack (Grades 6

-7), Amanda Sharpe (Grades 9-10), Julian Thornton (Music), and Joshua Kartzman (Hebrew T/A). I would also like to welcome new staff Terri Derkson (Kindergarten and Grade 1) and Hannah Goldwater (Primary Grade T/A) to the school. I also welcome back our substitutes Beth Herbst and Sharon Moore.

The JCS will be providing a youth service during Rosh Hashanah morning service on Thursday, September 21 and also during Yom Kippur morning service on Saturday, September 30. Programming will include a junior service, acceptable for all school-aged children, followed by crafts and activities. The programming will be staffed by JCS teachers. More details will be released at the parent meeting on September 10.

On Sunday, October 1, the school community is invited to participate in our annual Pizza in the Sukkah event, being held outside CKA at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be available for students, parents, and staff after some traditional Sukkot activities. Students will have an opportunity to help build and decorate the Sukkah during the regular class day.

With the new school year, I ask that families make their best efforts to be on time to school each Sunday. Students that are tardy, especially with repeated instances, causes the student

to miss valuable work and to create a disruption in the learning environment. Although I know that situations do arise, I appreciate everyone's support on this issue. Please also make sure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather, as the building is sometimes chilly and we will be doing fire drills during the September month.

I want to thank the Baker Fund for providing the JCS another generous donation of \$1,000. We will be using some of the funding to purchase 8 additional tablets for use in upper grade classrooms, which proved to be a successful investment over the past school year. Additional funding will also be utilized to purchase a Judaica carpet for the other early grade classroom, now equipping both early grade classrooms with new carpeting for reading and circle times.

I want to again welcome everyone—students, families and staff—back to the JCS for the 5778 school year! I am looking forward to a very successful, exciting and educational year. I thank the community for their continued support, and I look forward to seeing everyone on September 10 at 9:00 a.m.! If you have any questions regarding school registration prior to that date, contact the office at 607-734-8122 or my cell at 607-731-4217.

## Class News

**Gan Yeladim & Kitah Alef (K-1):** My name is Teri Doerksen, and I am the new K-1 Sunday school teacher. I am a professor at Mansfield University, where I teach English literature and writing, so I usually work with much older "kids". I love teaching early learners, though, and I am very excited to be working with the kindergartners and first-graders this year. I have all kinds of ideas about ways that we can play and learn together!

*Teri Doerksen*

**Kitah Bet & Giml (2-3):** Welcome back Talmidim! Lots of changes in store for all of us. First of all, a new teacher. (I have moved up from PreK/K to second grade.) Next: the configuration of classes is a little different but the whole class will study the same toics. Finally, our schedule will also be new. From 9:00 to 10:00, one group of students will go to Hebrew while the other group will stay in our classroom. The hour from 10:00 to 11:00 will be our music time, snack and crafts with the K-1 class. The last hour will re-

verse the earlier groups between Hebrew and other work. Our year will start off using two books: *The Explorer's Bible*, Volume 1, and *My Jewish Year*. These books expand upon many of the subjects that were covered in the lower grades.

It's going to be a great year in Kitot Bet and Gimel!  
*Kathy Rosenheck*

**Kitot Hay & Vav (5-6):** Welcome back! The summer has definitely flown by, and I am eagerly looking forward to the upcoming school year.

In Kitah Hay, we are going to be learning about Jewish history in America, Jewish values, and Jewish holidays. We will be using three excellent books: *America: The Jewish Experience*, *Journey of a Lifetime*, and *Jewish Holidays, Jewish Values*. We will also incorporate other learning formats to enhance our studies. In Kitah Vav, my portion of the curriculum will focus on the Jewish holidays. The book we will be using is *The Book of Jewish Holidays*, and once again, we will utilize additional learning sources. Your children are always wonderful and eager to take on new challenges. It is always a joy to have them in our classroom :) Enjoy the rest of your summer! See you in September! *Donna Rothenberg*

**Kitot Vav & Zayin (6-7):** Shalom! I am thrilled to have been invited back to teach the 6th and 7th grades this year. I will be working with the 6th graders using the text, *Jewish Values, Jewish Heroes*. Last year's class enjoyed it and declared it their favorite text. The 7th graders will be completing

*Min Ha'aretz* and taking an in-depth look at the Holocaust and Israel. As someone who has attended many conferences and workshops on how to teach the Holocaust to young people, I look forward to sharing this experience with them (and they'll be using their new tablets).

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year, and may you be written in the Book of Life. *Eileen Pollack*

**Tichon (High School):** I just want to say welcome back and hope your summer was full of fun and learning about yourself, your family and your community. I look forward to school starting again love the differences between the festive Rosh Hashanah with apples and honey and looking forward to the new year then straight to Yom Kippur with fasting and reflecting on our last year. *Amanda Sharp*

**Hebrew:** The summer flew by and now it's time for school again. I will be teaching Hebrew this year. My students are the second- and third-

graders and those older students that need to brush up on their Hebrew. I'm looking forward to an exciting new school year; welcome back to our students new and old. *Rivka Miran*

Hebrew this year promises to bring some exciting new changes. First and foremost, grades 5-7 will join together for the Thursday-night online sessions. The content will be appropriate for all levels, with an emphasis on prayers for holidays as well as Shabbat. Students will be given a book for Thursday nights to keep at home.

The seventh grade this year will begin an in-depth study of Tefilah and continue to focus on pre-Bar and Bat Mitzvah studies. The fifth grade will finish *Hineni One* and quickly begin *Hineni Two* while the fourth grade will finish *Hineni Two* and begin *Hineni Three*. As always, parents are encouraged to contact me should they have any questions or concerns. *Sophie Marmor*

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**PRAYER FOR THE ILL OR ILL AT HEART**

Adonai, You who blessed our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel, and Leah, send Your blessing to those who are ill of body and ill of spirit. Grant them Refuah Sh'lema, a complete recovery, and may healing come speedily. Amen.

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**CKA Book Club 2017**

All meetings are in the Library on the second Wednesday of each month at noon.

**September 13**  
*The Improbability of Love*  
 by Hannah Rothschild

**October 11**  
*Carry Me*  
 by Peter Behrens

**November 8**  
*Sometimes Brilliant*  
 by Larry Brilliant

**December 13**  
*Sisters In Law*  
 by Linda Hirshman

Ask for these at the public library, or purchase them and join us, and don't forget to bring your lunch!

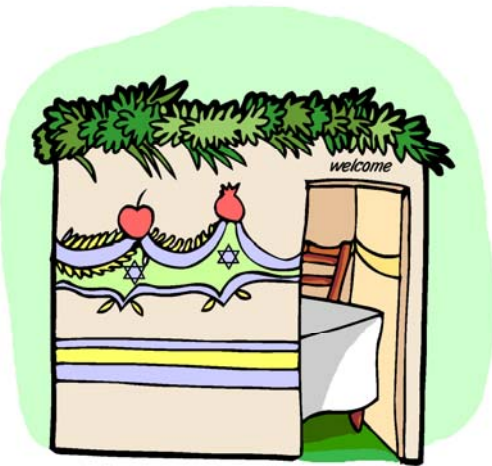
# Sisterhood Opening Meeting



Join Sisterhood  
at Congregation Kol Ami on  
**Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 PM**  
Light Supper  
Singalong with Rabbi Oren Steinitz  
Israeli Folk Songs.

(song sheets provided)

We welcome: current members, new members, nonmembers!



## SUKKOT CELEBRATIONS

Join our congregation on  
Thursday, October 5, at 10:00 AM for  
our Sukkot services.

Then join us on Friday, October 6, at 6:30 PM  
for a light Sukkot dinner  
with services to follow at 7:30 PM.

Reservations due by September 29, 2017

# Sisterhood & Bubby's Bakery

*are back to work  
baking challah for the High Holidays!*



Rosh Hashanah begins Wednesday evening, September 20.  
Yom Kippur begins Friday evening, September 29.

**Please consider ordering beautiful, home made challahs,  
made just a little sweeter for the New Year!**

**Challah will be ready to pick up on Thursday and Friday,  
September 14 & 15. Fill out the order form below  
and send your check in with your order to the CKA office.  
Orders must be in by Monday, September 11.**

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**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_**

*Remember friends in the community who come to the Food Festival.  
Maybe they would like to order as well!  
Thank you in advance for all your support!*

# CONGREGATION KOL AMI

## 2017 High Holy Days 5777

### HAVDALAH AND SELICHOT

Join others in our congregation as we gather to prepare for the High Holy Days

Evening Service                      Saturday, September 16                      7:30 PM

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### ROSH HASHANAH CELEBRATION

Evening Service                      Wednesday, September 20                      7:30 PM

Morning Service                      Thursday, September 21                      9:30 AM

(Luncheon Reception at CKA and *Tashlich* at the Chemung River to follow\*)

Morning Service                      Friday, September 22                      9:30 AM

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### SHABBAT SHUVAH: THE SHABBAT OF RETURN

the Sabbath between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Shabbat Service                      Friday, September 22                      7:30 PM

Shabbat Service                      Saturday, September 23                      10:00 AM

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### CEMETERY SERVICE

Join us to remember your beloved ones at our Franklin Street Cemetery

Memorial Service                      Sunday, September 24                      10:00 AM

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### YOM KIPPUR OBSERVANCES

Evening Service                      Friday, September 29                      7:30 PM

Morning Service                      Saturday, September 30                      9:30 AM

Yizkor Service                      Saturday, September 30                      *no earlier than 12:00 Noon*

Afternoon Service                      Saturday, September 30                      5:00 PM

Break-the-Fast                      Saturday, September 30                      Following Neilah

Community Break-the-Fast sponsored by our Sisterhood.

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Childcare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for children ages 2-6 years is available.

PLEASE PHONE AHEAD AT (607) 732-7410 FOR RESERVATION

\**Tashlich* is an ancient Jewish tradition of walking to a moving body of water and casting our sins, in the form of breadcrumbs, upon the current. This is a moving and value-filled exercise. Why not join us after lunch? Just bring your tennis shoes.

# Jewish Community Calendar

# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	2 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service
3	4 All Offices Closed  Labor Day	5	6	7	8 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Rabbi Laura Duhan Kaplan and Charles Kaplan	9 CKA 9:00 am Torah Yoga 10:00 am Shabbat Ruach & Luncheon 7:30 pm Havdalah and Rabbi Steinitz Installation Ceremony
10 JCS 9-12:15 CKA 6:00 pm Celebration and Dinner	11	12 CKA Sisterhood 6:30 pm Opening Meeting	13	14 JCS 7:00 pm Virtual Class JCF 7:00 pm Film Series <i>Sarah's Key</i>	15 CKA 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	16 CKA 8:00 am Shabbat Service 9:00 am Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Havdalah and Selichot Service
17 JCS 9-12:15 JCF 10:30 am Adult Ed "Sh'lom Bayit"	18	19 JCF 7:00 pm Exec Board 7:30 pm Board Meeting	20 CKA 7:30 pm Rosh Hashanah Service	21 All Offices Closed CKA 9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Service Luncheon & Tashlich at Chemung River No JCS Virtual Class  Rosh Hashanah	22 All Offices Closed CKA 9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Service 7:30 pm Shabbat Shuvah Evening Service	23 CKA 10:00 am Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service
24 JCS 9-12:15 CKA 10:00 am Memorial Service at Franklin St. Cemetery	25	26	27	28 JCS 7:00 pm Virtual Class	29 All Offices Closing at 1:00 pm CKA 7:30 pm Yom Kip- pur Service	30 CKA 9:30 am Yom Kip- pur Morning Service 12:00 pm Yizkor Service 5:00 pm Afternoon Ser- vice & Ne'ilah Break the fast  Yom Kippur

# Coming Events – Save the Dates!

**Friday, October 6** – Sukkot Dinner and Shabbat Service (CKA)

**Sunday, October 8** – Suzi Savin Bat Mitzvah (CKA)

**Wednesday, October 11** – Simchat Torah Celebration (CKA)

**Thursdays, October 19 and 26, November 2** – “Story Matters: We Have a Story, We Are a Story” with Eileen Pollack (JCF)

**Saturday, October 21** – Neila Goldwyn Bat Mitzvah (CKA)

**Saturday, November 4** – Shabbat Ruach (CKA)

**Friday, November 17** – Musical Shabbat Service (CKA)

**Thursday, November 16** – Yachad with Rabbi Burton L. Visotzky, Jewish Theological Seminary of America: “The Offering of Hagar’s and Sarah’s Sons in Jewish, Muslim, and Christian Traditions” (JCF)

**Friday, December 15** – Hanukkah Dinner and Shabbat Service (CKA)

**Monday, December 25** – Chinese Dinner and a Movie (JCF and CKA)

**Saturday, January 13** – Shabbat Ruach (CKA)

**Friday, January 26** – Musical Shabbat Service (CKA)

**Saturday, February 10** – Shabbat Ruach (CKA)

**Friday, February 16** – Musical Shabbat Service (CKA)

**Wednesday, February 28** – Purim Celebration (CKA)

**Thursday, March 1** – Purim Service and Megillah Reading (CKA)

**Friday, March 9** – Shabbat Across America (CKA)

**Saturday, March 10** – Shabbat Ruach (CKA)

**Sunday, March 18** – Community Open House (JCS, CKA, and JCF)

**Friday, March 23** – Musical Shabbat Service (CKA)

**Friday, March 30** – First Night of Passover

**Saturday, March 31** – Community Passover Seder (CKA)

**Saturday, April 14** – Shabbat Ruach (CKA)

**Sunday, April 15** – Jewish Food Festival (JCS and Sisterhood)

**Saturday, May 12** – Shabbat Ruach (CKA)

**Saturday, May 19** – Tikkun Leil Shavuot (JCF and CKA)

**Friday, May 25** – Musical Shabbat Service (CKA)

**Saturday, June 9** – Shabbat Ruach and Scholarship Presentation (CKA)

**Sunday, June 10** – CKA Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, June 19** – JCF Annual Meeting

**Friday, June 29** – Musical Shabbat Service (CKA)

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